

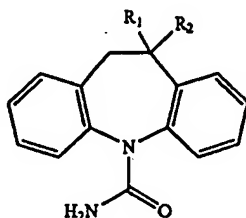
Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the Application.

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) A method of treatment for tinnitus and other inner ear/cochlear excitability related diseases in a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I

(1)



wherein

- (a) R₁ represents hydrogen, and R₂ represents hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkyl carbonyloxy, or
- (b) R₁ and R₂ together represent an oxo group, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein R₁ and R₂ of formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof together represent an oxo group.

10. (Previously presented) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein R_1 of formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof represent hydrogen and R_2 represents hydroxy.

11. (Previously presented) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein R_1 of formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof represent hydrogen and R_2 represents acetoxy.

12. (Previously presented) A method of treatment according to claim 7 for treating tinnitus.

13. (Previously presented) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein R_1 of formula I represents hydrogen and R_2 represents hydroxy or C_1 - C_3 alkyl carbonyloxy and wherein the compound is employed in enantiomerically pure form.